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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C.  
20231, U.S.A.

Attention: Examiner Raymond Alejandro

Dear Sir:

**Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/592,950**  
**For: CATALYTIC HUMIDIFIER AND HEATER FOR THE FUEL**  
**STREAM OF A FUEL CELL**  
**Filed: June 13, 2000**  
**Applicant: Xuesong Chen et al**

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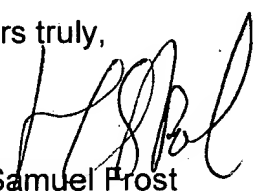
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2001.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects Group II, directed to a fuel cell system, for initial examination. This election is made with traverse.

The Examiner has argued, for a variety of reasons that the inventions are related so as to be distinct from one another. However, applicant submits that the claims do indeed all relate to one invention, and can properly be examined in one application.

Yours truly,

  
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